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SUBJ:POSSIBLE ELECTION-ASSOCIATED VIOLENCE ON ANTIGUA

REF: BRIDGETOWN 0049

1. ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO PREDICT PROBABILITIES,
THE HIGHLY CHARGED PRE-ELECTION ANTIGUAN POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT
MAKES PRE OR POST ELECTION VIOLENCE A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY.
ALTHOUGH ANY VIOLENCE IS NOT LIKELY TO BE DIRECTED AT AMCITS,
PARTICULARLY IF THE GOA-WIOC AGREEMENT HOLDS (REF),
THEIR RELATIVELY LARGE NUMBERS MEANS ACCIDENTAL INVOLVEMENT
IS ALWAYS A DANGER.

2. GIVEN THE POSSIBILITY OF VIOLENCE THE POST HAS TAKEN THE
FOLLOWING STEPS:

(A) REVIEWED THE ANTIGUA SECTION OF OUR E & E PLAN;
(B) REQUESTED USN FACILITY ON ANTIGUA INFORM THE EMBASSY
IMMEDIATELY (DIRECTLY OR THROUGH NAVAL FACILITY HERE) OF
ANY SIGNS OF TROUBLE;
(C) REQUESTED BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION HERE PASS ON ANY
RELEVANT INFORMATION FROM HMG'S DEPUTY REP IN ANTIGUA;
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(D) REQUESTED BRITISH GOVERNMENT BRITISH REP THERE FURNISH US

DIRECTLY OR THROUGH USN FACILITY OR THE HIGH COMMISSION
ANY INFO RELATING TO SAFETY OF AMCITS;
(E) AN EMBOFF WILL DISCUSS THE SITUATION AND REVIEW E & E
PLANNING WITH OFFICERS AT THE USN FACILITY ON ANTIGUA ON
JANUARY 15. ALSO PRESENT WILL BE AN OFFICER FROM ROOSEVELT
ROADS COMMAND; AND
(F) DISCUSSED WITH THE PEACE CORPS THE SITUATION AND ITS
IMPLICATIONS FOR PC PRESENCE ON ANTIGUA.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE JANUARY 14-15 VISIT, AN EMBOFF WILL
TRAVEL TO ANTIGUA FEBRUARY 8-11. AN EARLIER VISIT WILL BE
MADE IF NECESSARY.
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